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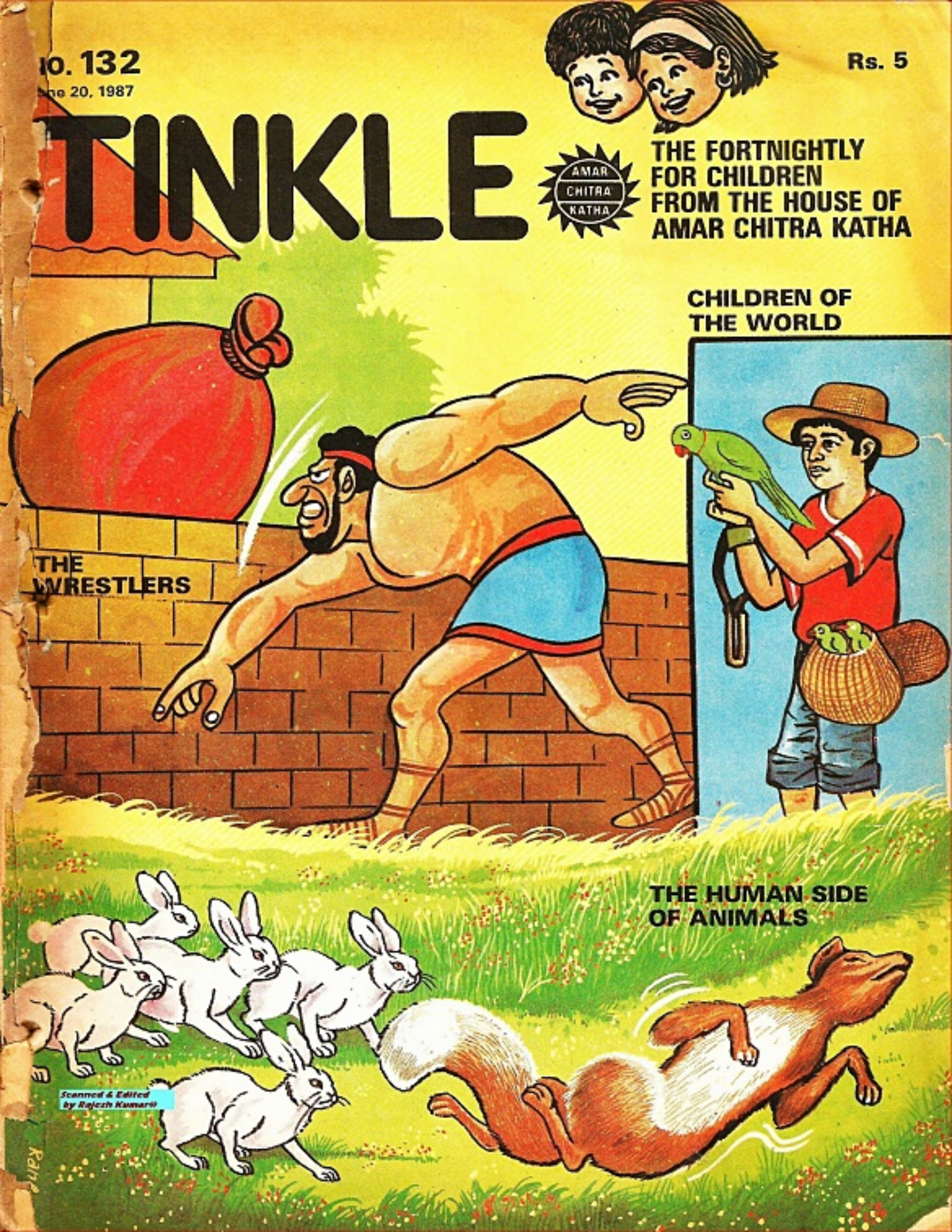

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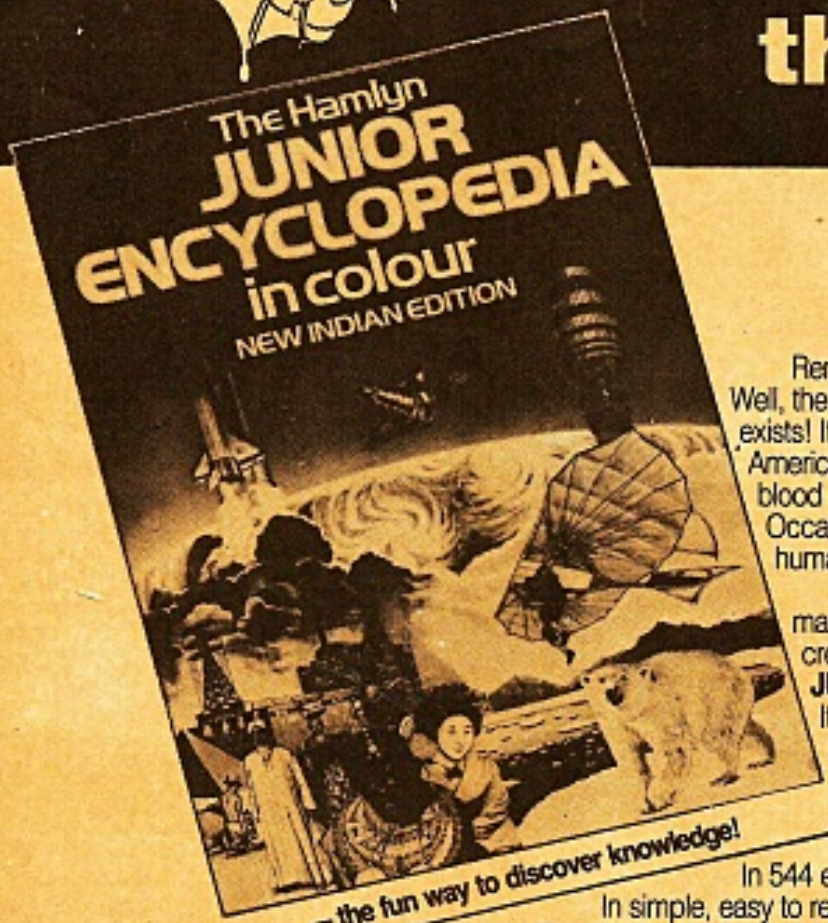

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THE WRESTLERS

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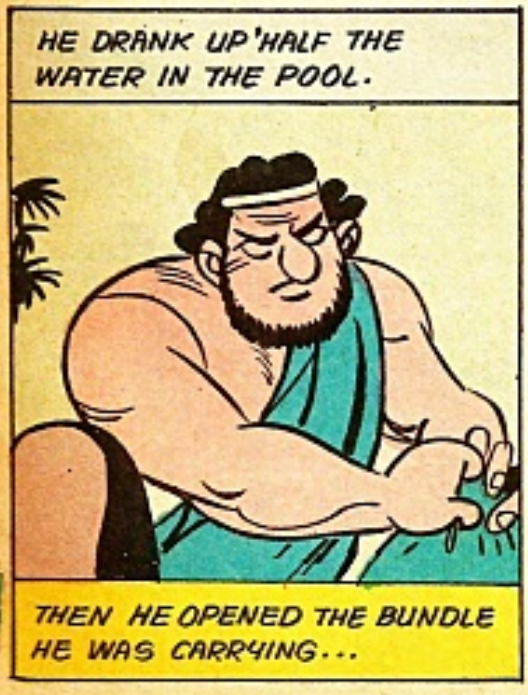
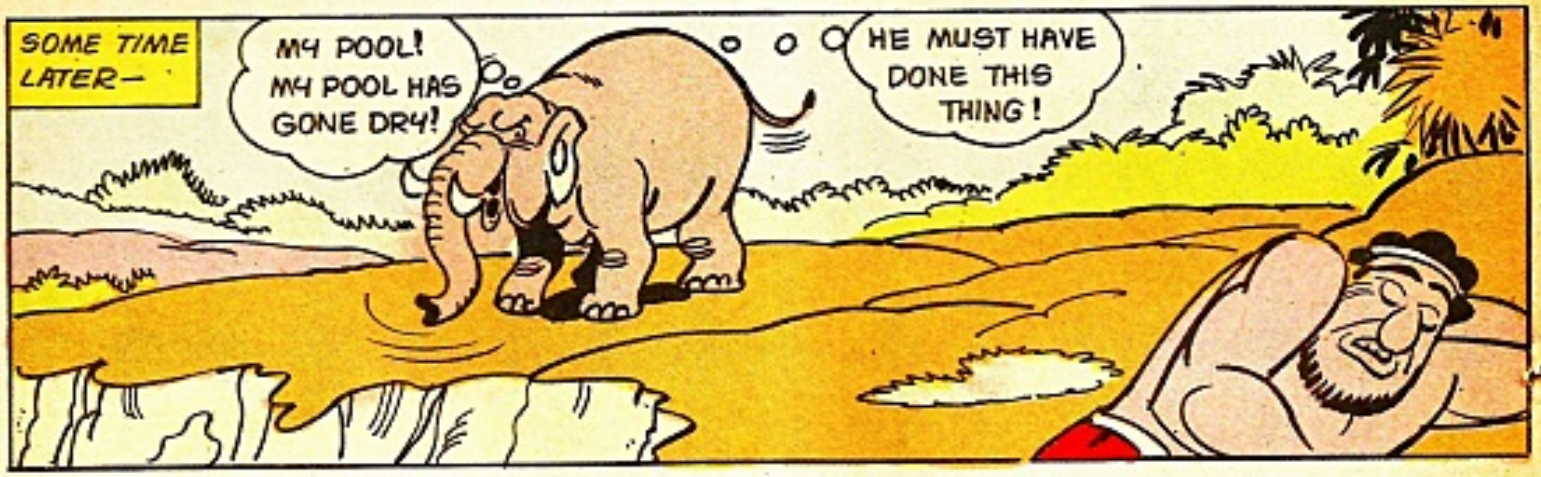
THIS IS WHAT IS CALLED A NONSENSE STORY. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN A NONSENSE STORY AND CERTAINLY STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN IN THIS ONE! IT STARTS WITH A PERSIAN WRESTLER'S DECISION TO GO TO INDIA TO CHALLENGE A MAN WHO HE HAS HEARD IS THE GREATEST WRESTLER IN THE WORLD.



BEST PORRIDGE I'VE EVER EATEN.

HE ATE ALL THE PORRIDGE, CLIMBED OUT OF THE POOL...

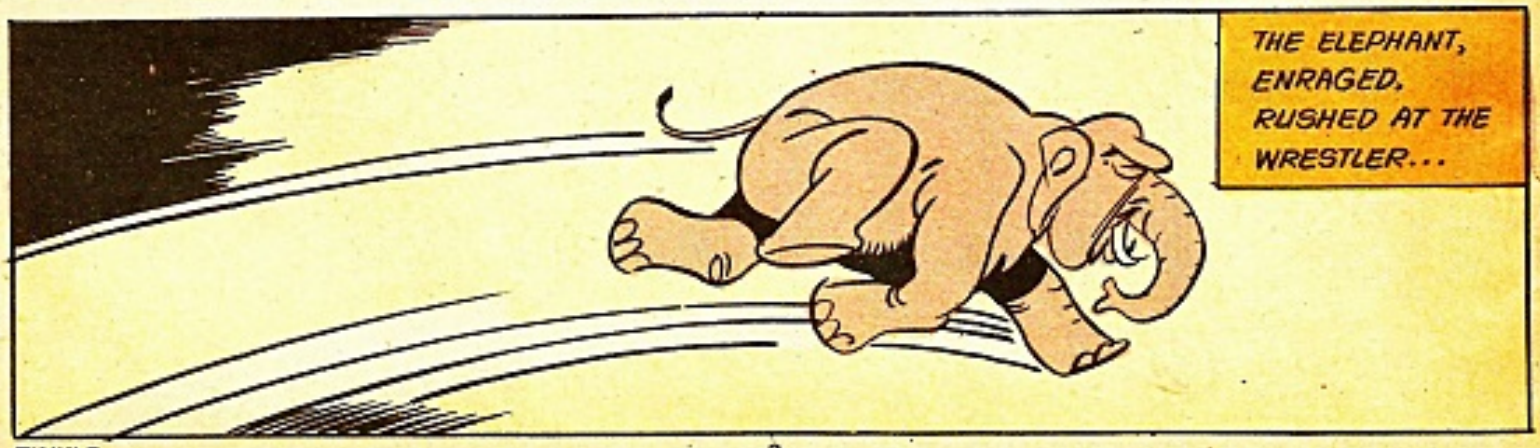
... AND WENT TO SLEEP...


SOME TIME LATER—
MY POOL! MY POOL HAS GONE DRY!
HE MUST HAVE DONE THIS THING!

THE RASCAL!

THACK

WHO IS THAT TICKLING ME?
!
WHACK

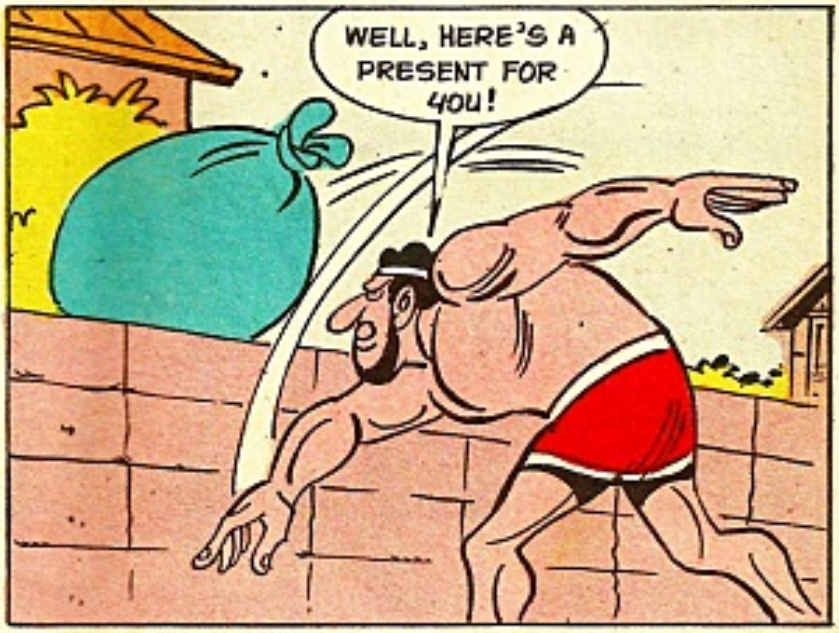

THE ELEPHANT, ENRAGED, RUSHED AT THE WRESTLER...

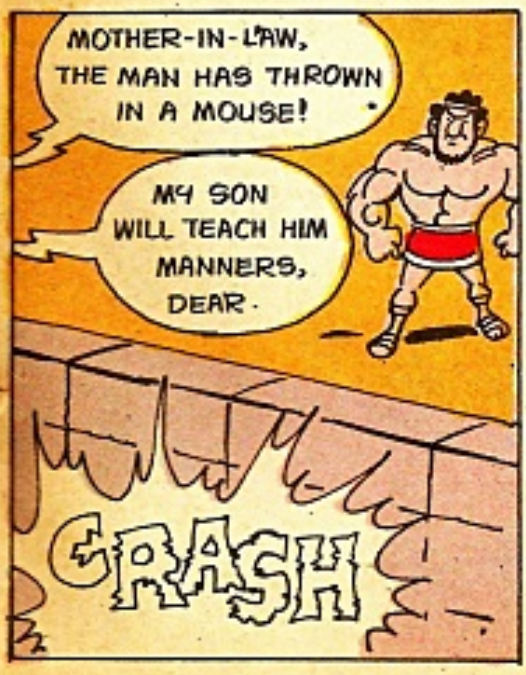
... BUT—

HEIGH-HO! AWAY WE GO!

THE CHALLENGER FINALLY FOUND THE HOME OF THE FAMOUS INDIAN WRESTLER.
O CHAMPION, COME OUT AND GIVE ME A FALL.

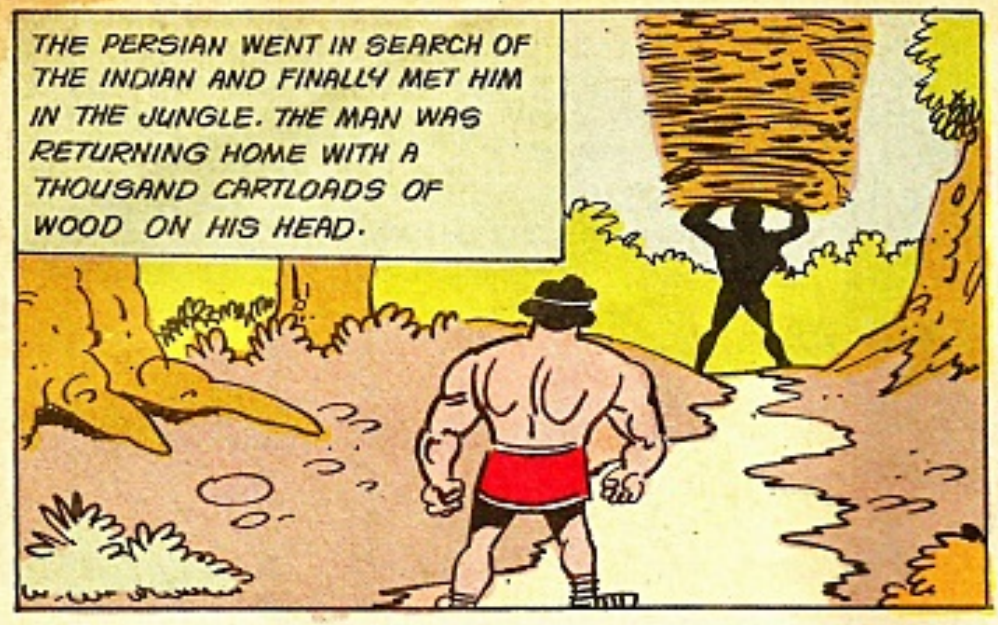
MY HUSBAND IS NOT AT HOME.


WELL, HERE'S A PRESENT FOR YOU!


MOTHER-IN-LAW, THE MAN HAS THROWN IN A MOUSE!
MY SON WILL TEACH HIM MANNERS, DEAR.
CRASH

NOW GO GET A TRAP AND CATCH THAT MOUSE.
THEY CALL A HUGE ELEPHANT A MOUSE!

THE CHAMPION MUST BE A COLOSSUS!
BUT FIGHT HIM I WILL.

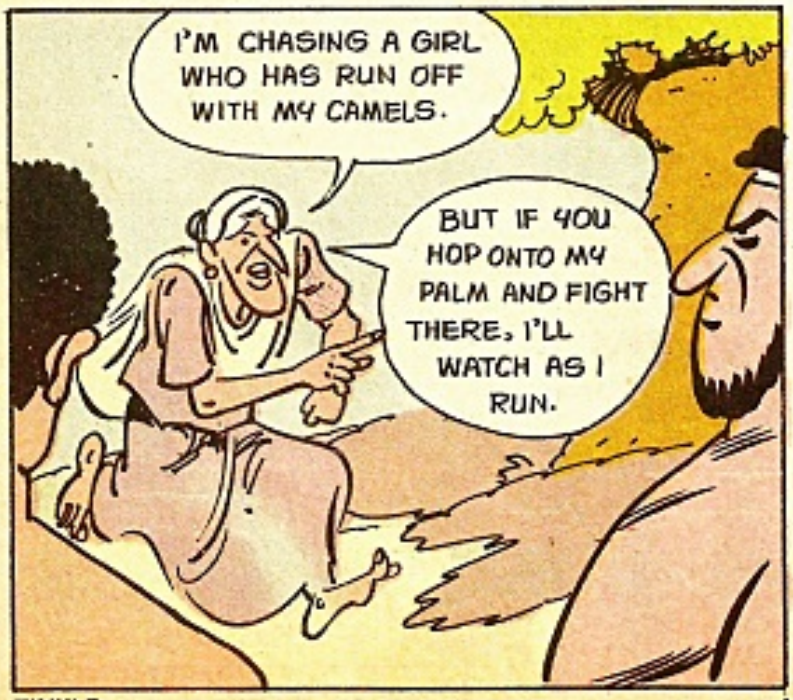

THE PERSIAN WENT IN SEARCH OF THE INDIAN AND FINALLY MET HIM IN THE JUNGLE. THE MAN WAS RETURNING HOME WITH A THOUSAND CARTLOADS OF WOOD ON HIS HEAD.

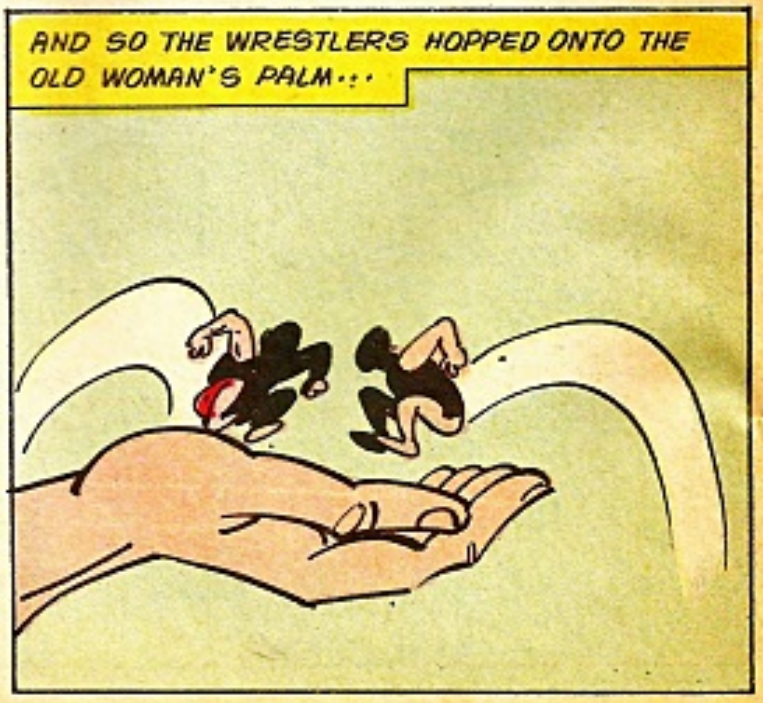
I'VE COME TO CHALLENGE YOU. LET'S FIGHT.
HERE?

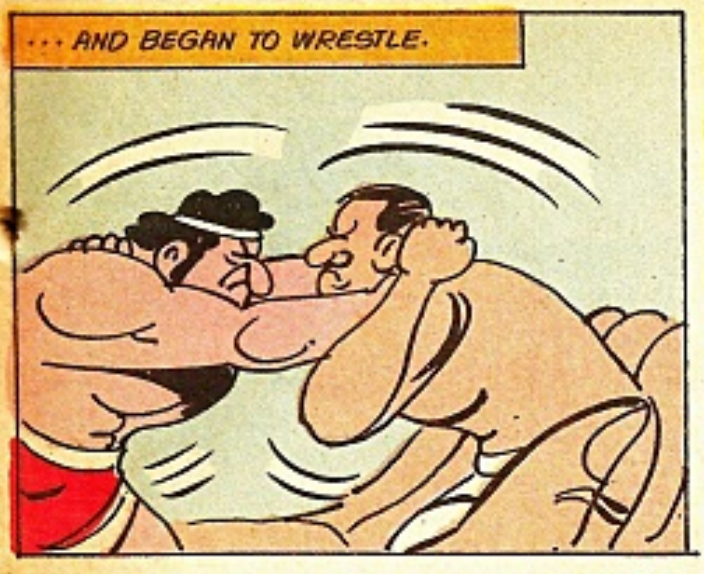
I PREFER TO FIGHT BEFORE AN AUDIENCE. I LOVE TO HEAR PEOPLE CLAP.

HERE COMES AN OLD WOMAN. LET HER BE THE AUDIENCE.
ALL RIGHT.

OLD WOMAN, STOP AND WATCH US FIGHT.
I CAN'T.


I'M CHASING A GIRL WHO HAS RUN OFF WITH MY CAMELS.
BUT IF YOU HOP ONTO MY PALM AND FIGHT THERE, I'LL WATCH AS I RUN.


AND SO THE WRESTLERS HOPPED ONTO THE OLD WOMAN'S PALM...


... AND BEGAN TO WRESTLE.

WELL DONE, THAT'S A GOOD THROW...

... AH, THERE'S THE GIRL!

STOP THIEF!

WHERE HAS SHE GONE?

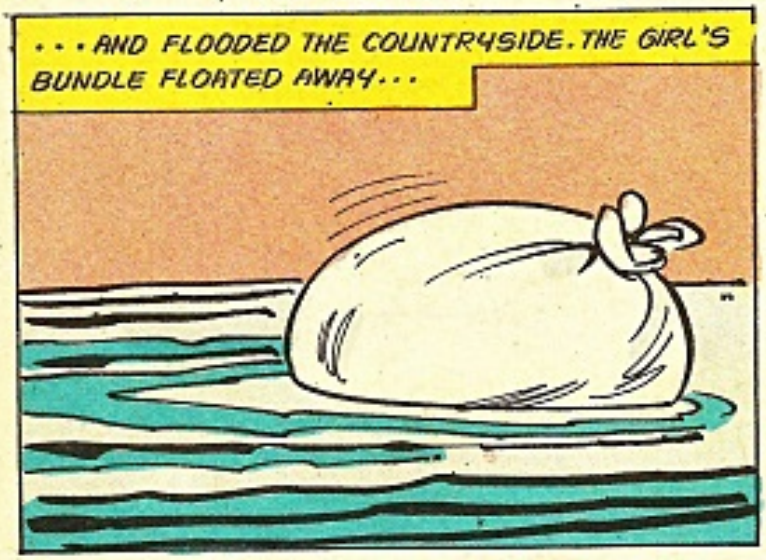
HERE I AM!

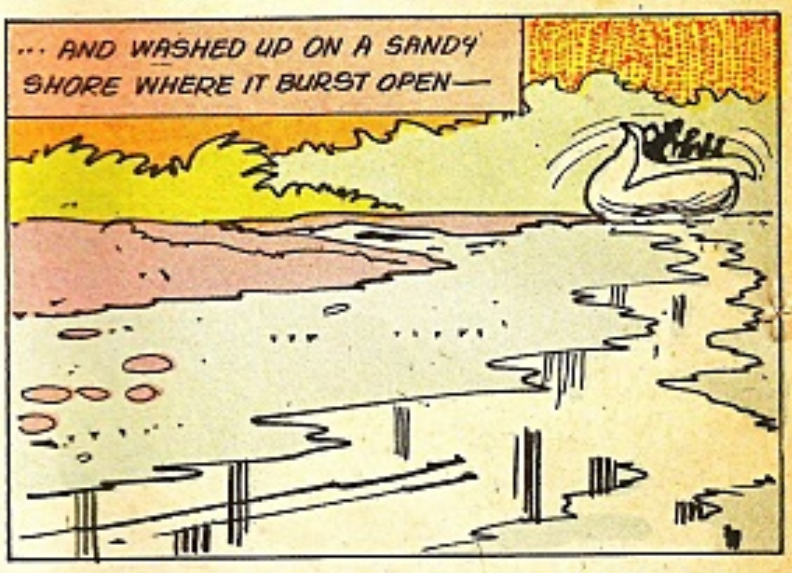
HEY, LET US OUT!

LET US OUT!!
IT IS SO HOT... AND I AM SO THIRSTY.

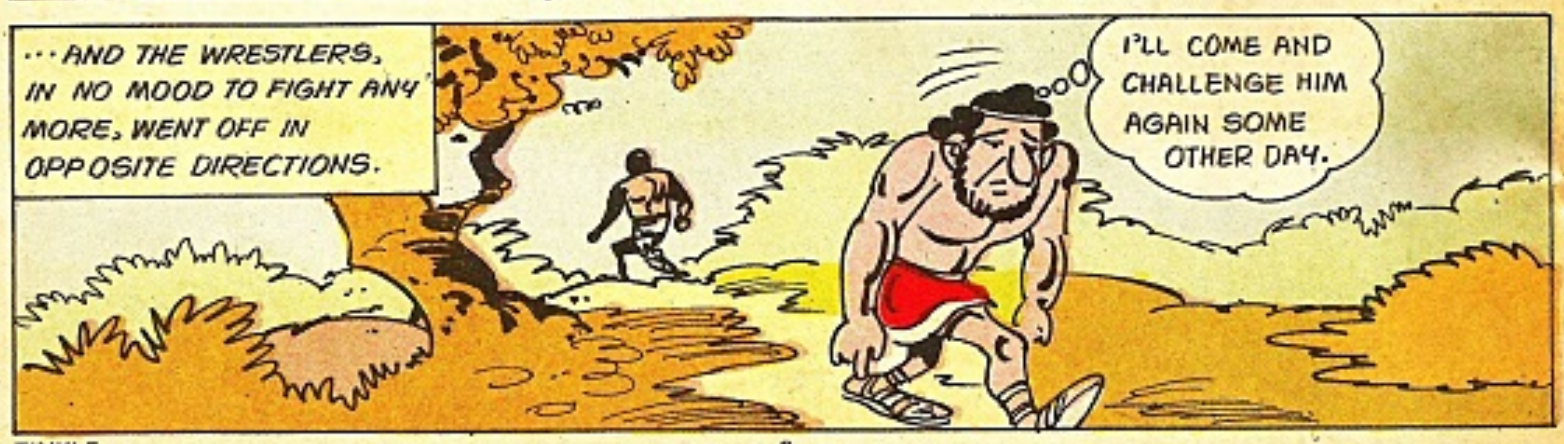
AHA! WATERMELONS!
THE GIRL ATE SEVERAL WATERMELONS.

THEN SHE LAY DOWN AND WENT TO SLEEP.
AS SHE SLEPT, A RIVER NEAR BY OVERFLOWED ITS BANKS...


...AND FLOODED THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE GIRL'S BUNDLE FLOATED AWAY...


...AND WASHED UP ON A SANDY SHORE WHERE IT BURST OPEN—

THE OLD WOMAN WENT HOME WITH HER CAMELS...


...AND THE WRESTLERS, IN NO MOOD TO FIGHT ANY MORE, WENT OFF IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.
I'LL COME AND CHALLENGE HIM AGAIN SOME OTHER DAY.

THE HUMAN SIDE OF ANIMALS

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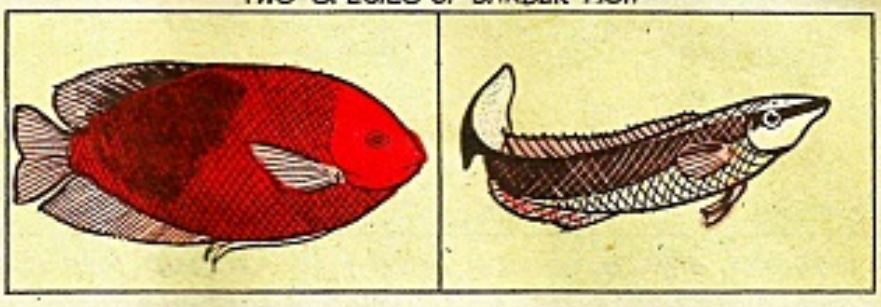
LIKE US, SOME ANIMALS HAVE TO WAIT IN A QUEUE.

FISH HAVE TO HAVE THEIR BODIES CLEANED PERIODICALLY AND THE FISH THAT PERFORMS THIS SERVICE IS CALLED THE BARBER FISH.

TWO SPECIES OF BARBER FISH



FISH SOMETIMES TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCES TO AVAIL OF THE SERVICES OF A BARBER FISH AND WHEN THEY GET THERE THEY OFTEN HAVE TO AWAIT THEIR TURN.

THE BARBER FISH IS SMALL AND BRIGHTLY COLOURED. IT PICKS OFF PATCHES OF DEAD SKIN, BACTERIA, FUNGUS AND FISH-LICE FROM THE BODIES OF THE FISH IT CLEANS.

THE FISH THAT IS BEING CLEANED CO-OPERATES IN EVERY WAY, TURNING THIS SIDE AND THAT, OPENING ITS LEFT GILL COVER WHEN THE CLEANER FISH IS ON THAT SIDE AND THE RIGHT ONE WHEN THE FISH MOVES TO THAT SIDE.

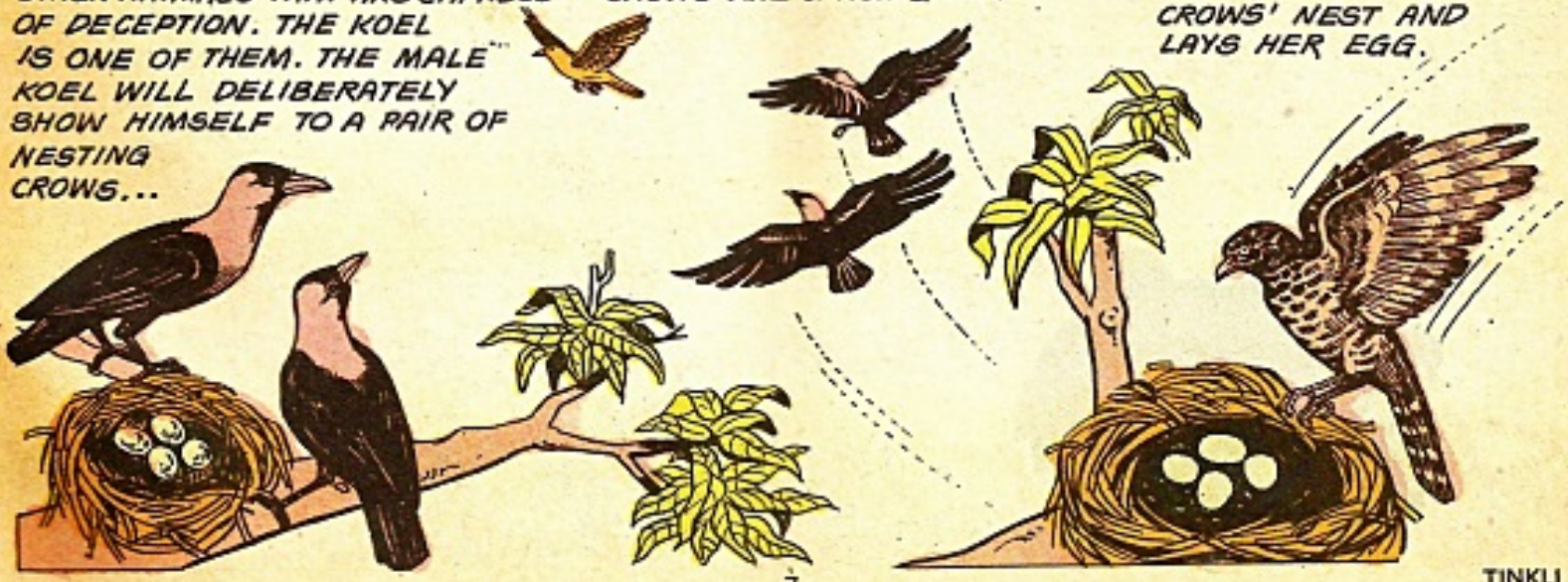
SOME SHRIMPS TOO OFFER A CLEANING SERVICE

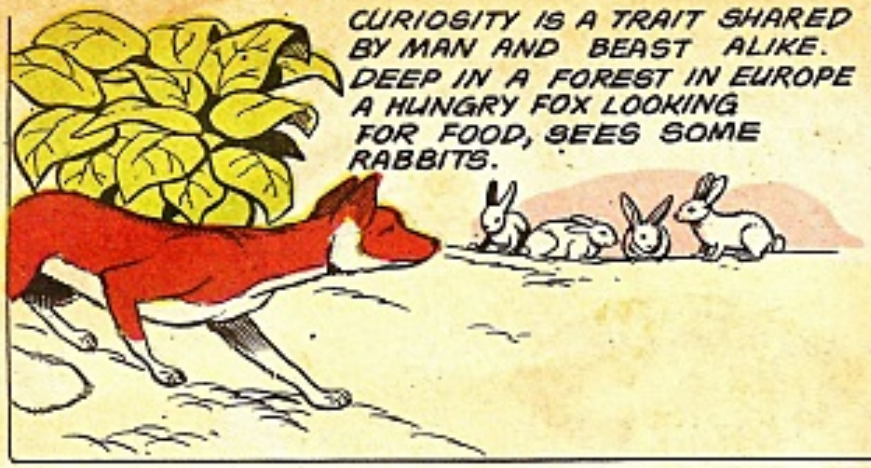
THE HUMAN BARBER DOES HIS JOB FOR THE MONEY HE GETS FROM HIS CUSTOMERS. THE BARBER FISH DOES IT FOR THE FOOD THAT IT BRINGS HIM. THE FOOD BEING THE PARASITES AND LICE THAT IT REMOVES FROM HIS CUSTOMERS' BODIES.

LIKE HUMANS, THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER ANIMALS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF DECEPTION. THE KOEL IS ONE OF THEM. THE MALE KOEL WILL DELIBERATELY SHOW HIMSELF TO A PAIR OF NESTING CROWS...

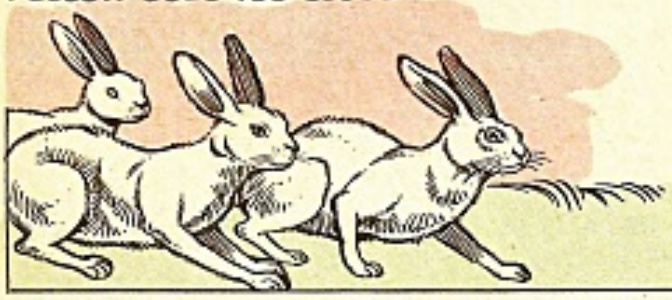
... AND WHILE THE ENRAGED CROWS ARE CHASING HIM.

...HIS MATE, THE FEMALE KOEL SLIPS INTO THE CROWS' NEST AND LAYS HER EGG.

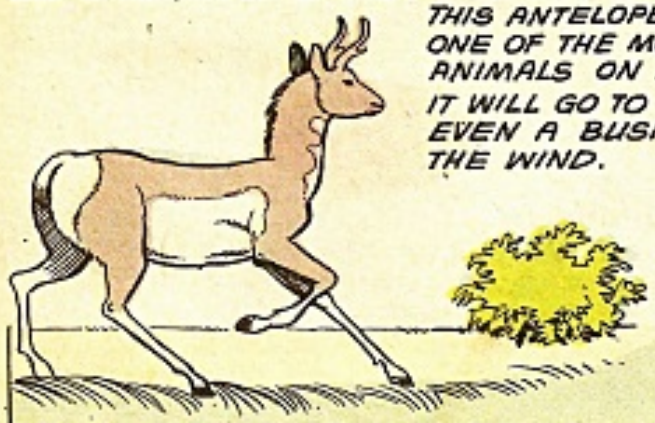



CURIOSITY IS A TRAIT SHARED BY MAN AND BEAST ALIKE. DEEP IN A FOREST IN EUROPE A HUNGRY FOX LOOKING FOR FOOD, SEES SOME RABBITS.

THE RABBITS TOO HAVE SEEN HIM AND THEY ARE KEEPING A WARY EYE ON HIM. SUDDENLY THE FOX STARTS ROLLING ON HIS BACK.


THE RABBITS ARE CONSUMED WITH CURIOSITY. THEY JUST HAVE TO KNOW WHAT THE FOX IS UP TO. THEY GO CLOSER AND CLOSER. ONE BOLD FELLOW GOES TOO CLOSE...

...AND THE FOX HAS GOT HIS MEAL!


WHEN TALKING OF INQUISITIVENESS IN ANIMALS, ONE IS REMINDED OF THE PRONGHORN OF NORTH AMERICA.
THIS ANTELOPE IS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE MOST INQUISITIVE ANIMALS ON EARTH.
IT WILL GO TO INVESTIGATE EVEN A BUSH MOVING IN THE WIND.

EARLY SETTLERS IN AMERICA USED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ANIMAL'S INQUISITIVENESS. THE HUNTER WOULD LIE ON HIS BACK AND WAVE HIS LEGS IN THE AIR.

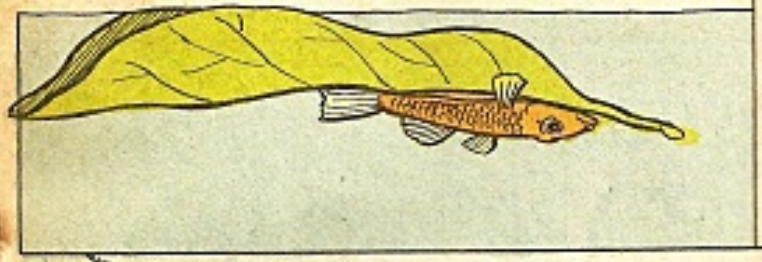
THE ANIMAL, BITTEN BY CURIOSITY, WOULD COME CLOSE TO INVESTIGATE. THEN THE HUNTER WOULD PICK UP HIS GUN...

...AND FIRE.
PRONGHORNS OF TODAY ARE SAID TO BE MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS THAN THEIR ANCESTORS!

AT ONE TIME IT WAS THOUGHT THAT MAN WAS THE ONLY ANIMAL THAT USED TOOLS. TODAY WE KNOW OF SEVERAL OTHER ANIMALS THAT ALSO USE TOOLS.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY USE HAMMER AND SAW. THEY USE NATURAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO THEM TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN RESULTS.

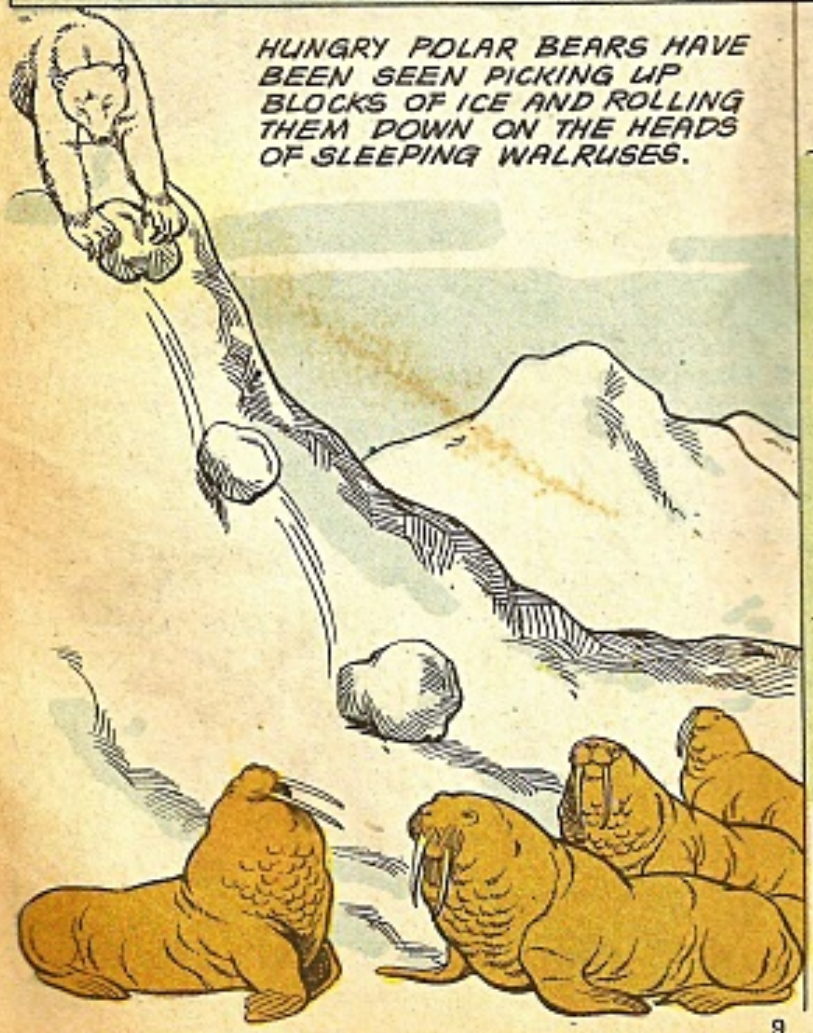
IN INDONESIA RECENTLY, SCIENTISTS CAME ACROSS A SMALL FISH HOLDING UP A LEAF IN FRONT OF ITSELF IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING SPOTTED BY FISH-EATING BIRDS. THE FISH WAS SWIMMING UPSIDE DOWN AND WAS USING ITS FINS TO HOLD THE LEAF IN PLACE.



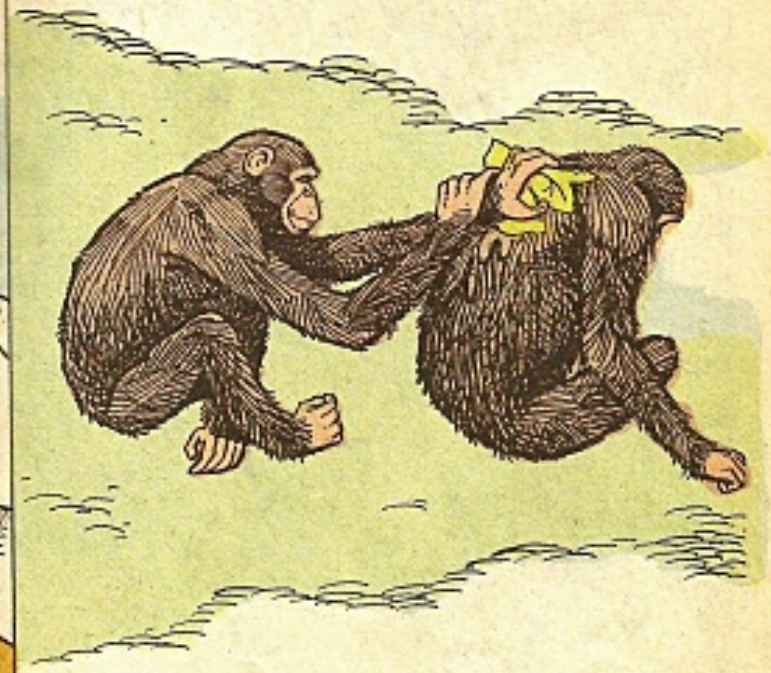
THE GALAPAGOS FINCH USES A TWIG TO FORCE INSECTS OUT OF CRACKS IN THE TREE BARK.

THE EGYPTIAN VULTURE WILL PERSISTENTLY DROP STONES FROM ITS BEAK ONTO HARD-SHELLED OSTRICH EGGS UNTIL THE EGGS BREAK AND CAN BE EATEN.

HUNGRY POLAR BEARS HAVE BEEN SEEN PICKING UP BLOCKS OF ICE AND ROLLING THEM DOWN ON THE HEADS OF SLEEPING WALRUSES.



CHIMPANZEES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED USING HANDFULS OF LEAVES TO WIPE DIRT FROM EACH OTHER'S BODIES.



THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN SEEN USING TWIGS TO CLEAN AND EVEN EXTRACT EACH OTHER'S TEETH!

CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

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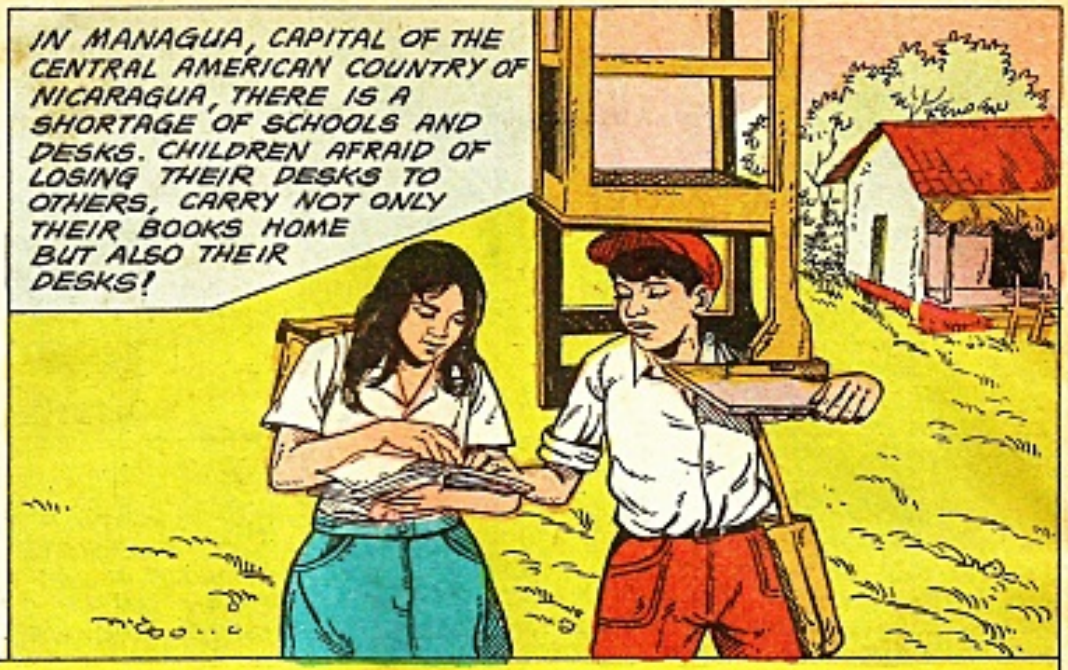
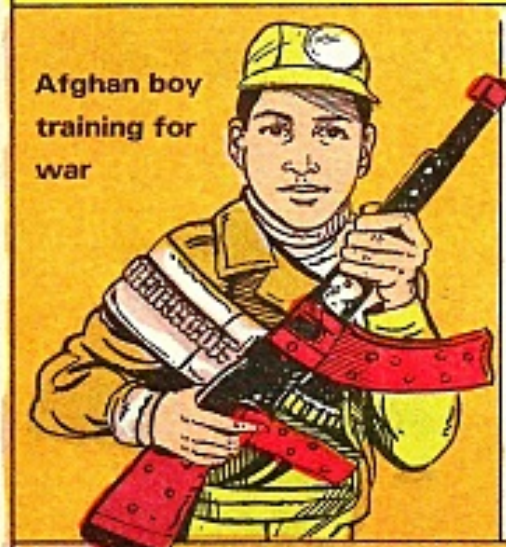


THERE IS NO SCHOOL OR PLAYTIME FOR THE CHILDREN OF SEVERAL WAR-TORN COUNTRIES OF WEST ASIA.
BOYS AS YOUNG AS TWELVE GO TO BATTLE, TOTING MACHINE-GUNS BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES.

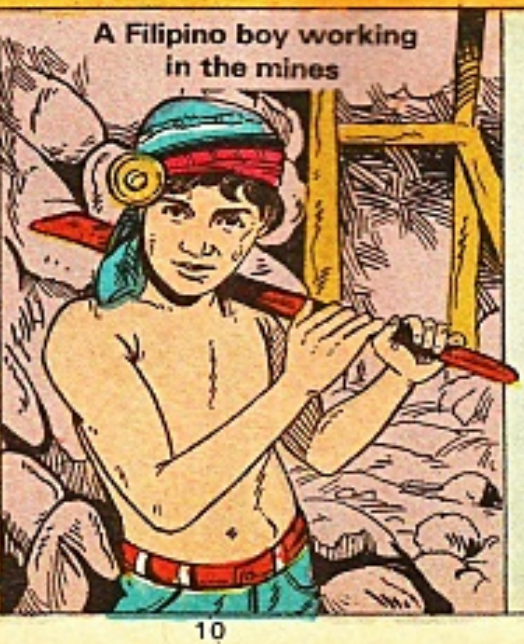

Afghan boy training for war

Teenage Iranian soldier

Young Eritrean guerrillas

IN MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING INDIA, IT IS NOT WAR BUT POVERTY THAT PREVENTS CHILDREN FROM GOING TO SCHOOL.

A boy working in a restaurant in Bombay


A Filipino boy working in the mines

A Guatemalan parrot-seller

ACCORDING TO AN OLD LAW, CHILDREN IN WEST GERMANY HAVE TO HELP THEIR PARENTS WASH UP OR MOW THE LAWN. PARENTS OF ERRING CHILDREN CAN TAKE THEM TO A CHILDREN'S COURT AND GET THE JUDGE TO ORDER THEM TO WORK.
THERE ARE 80 MILLION CHILDREN LIVING ON THE STREETS IN THE WORLD AND SADLY, QUITE A FEW OF THEM ARE FROM INDIA.
FIFTY YEARS AGO, LIFE WAS HARD FOR THE JAPANESE. IT WAS AN OCCASION FOR JOY IF A CHILD REACHED THE AGE OF THREE OR FIVE OR SEVEN. TODAY THE JAPANESE ARE AMONG THE MOST PROSPEROUS PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AND THEY LIVE LONGER THAN THE PEOPLE OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY.
HOWEVER, IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE PAST, EVERY YEAR AROUND NOVEMBER 15, THEY OBSERVE SEVEN-FIVE-THREE DAY, A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN OF THOSE AGES.

READERS' CHOICE

OUTWITTING THE ENEMY

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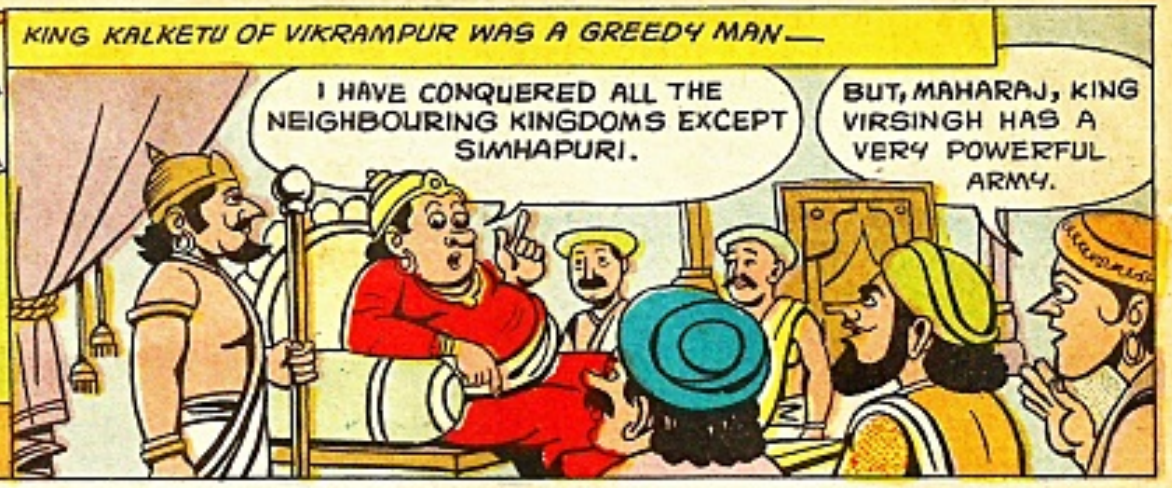
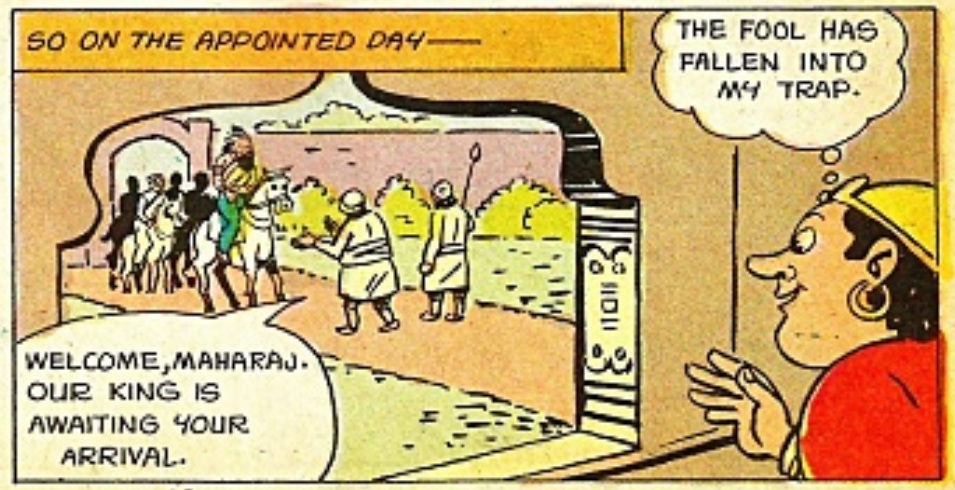
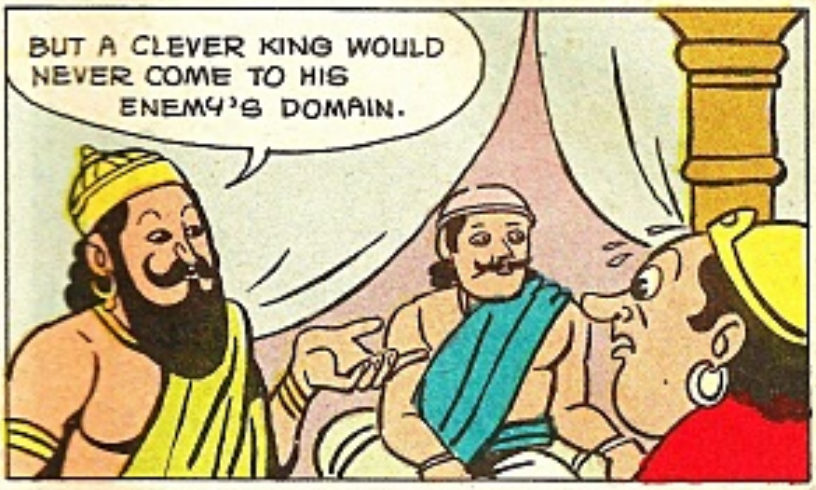




WELCOME, VIRSINGH! MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE. I HOPE EVERYTHING IS TO YOUR LIKING.
AND THE KINGS SETTLED DOWN FOR A DISCUSSION.

VIRSINGH, I HAVE HEARD OF YOUR GREAT WISDOM...

...TELL ME, WHAT WOULD A KING DO IF HIS HOST IMPRISONED HIM?
THAT WOULD BE VERY BAD, O KING!


BUT A CLEVER KING WOULD NEVER COME TO HIS ENEMY'S DOMAIN.

KALKETU WAS SUSPICIOUS.
WHAT! ARE YOU NOT VIRSINGH?
NO, I AM ONE OF HIS COURTIERS.

JUST THEN —
MAHARAJ, MAHARAJ, THE ARMY OF KING VIRSINGH IS MARCHING ON OUR CAPITAL.
OH, NO! OH, NO! WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

THERE IS ONE THING YOU CAN DO. SIGN THIS AGREEMENT PROMISING NEVER TO DISTURB THE PEACE OF YOUR NEIGHBOURING KINGDOMS AND WE WILL CALL OFF OUR ARMY.

KING KALKETU HASTILY SIGNED THE DOCUMENT. HE HAD LEARNT HIS LESSON.

TINKLE TRICKS & TREATS

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A

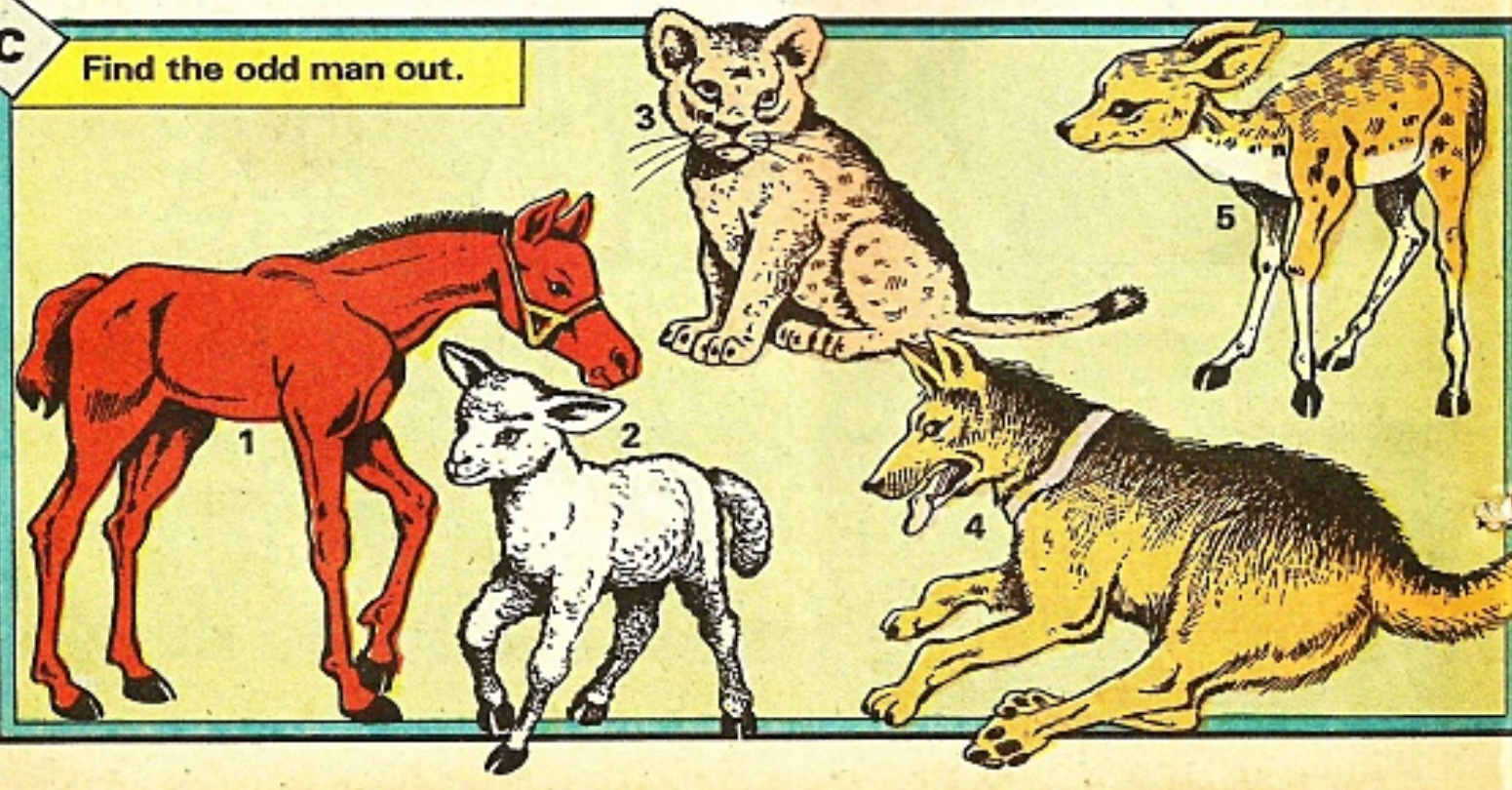
How will you cut this circular cake into 8 parts with only 3 strokes of the knife?

B

What is the major mistake in the picture?

C

Find the odd man out.



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MAKE A TOY PARACHUTE

You will need:
Four pieces of string each 30 cm (12 inches) long, a handkerchief and a cork.

Tie a string to each of the four corners of a handkerchief.

Tie a piece of string tightly around the cork. Tie the free ends of the strings tied to the handkerchief to the string tied around the cork.

If you can draw well, draw a parachutist, cut out the picture and paste it on the front of the cork.

Your parachute is ready. Drop it from a high place and watch it float to the ground.

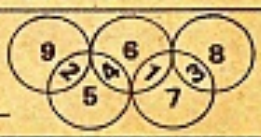
Entry form for TTT-78 is given on cover page III

Solutions to TTT No. 77

A—Romans did not use Arabic numerals

B—4.

C—

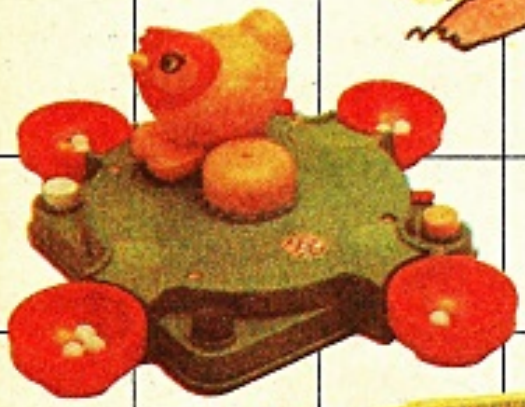


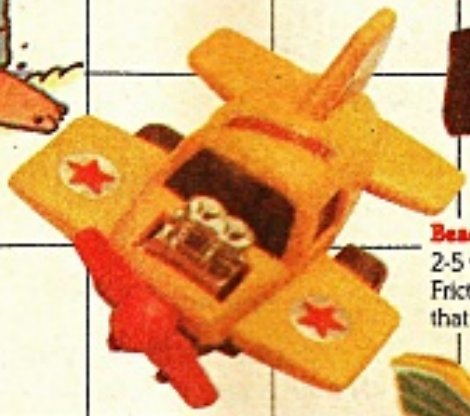
Leo heroes have more fun. Are you one?

Auto Rifle
5-12 years
Win every battle with this big, powerful gun!

Carry-On Chef
5 years upward
Move your chef carefully. Help him get more cakes and win!

Lay-An-Egg
7 years upward
Tap the button quick, quick, and capture the most eggs! Battery-operated.





Beach Craft
2-5 years
Friction-powered plane with an engine that really moves. You'll be a real ace pilot!

Dare Devil
2-5 years
Friction-powered fire engine. Be a fearless fire-fighter!

Racing Rover
3 years upward
Pull-apart friction-powered jeep. Roar off into the countryside. Go exploring!

Falcon
3 years upward
Pull-back action. Up, up, and away! Fly off to new and exciting places!

Land Cruiser
3 years upward
Battery-operated jeep with bump-and-go action. The antenna lights up—and off you go!

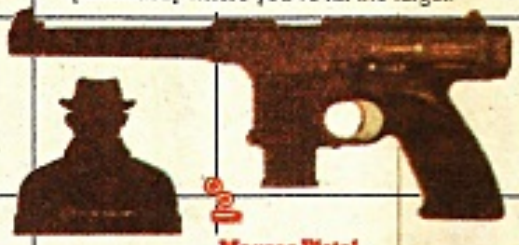
Mobile Cars
3 years upward
Scaled-down models of famous sports cars. Zip! Zip! Zip! There they go!

Come join the Uncle Leo Club!

Get any Leo toy, and you can become a member of the Uncle Leo Club. Hurry! Because you'll get one year's membership free, if yours is one of the first 25,000 applications received!

Flying Discs
6 years upward
Send your Flying Disc shooting beyond the moon and stars!

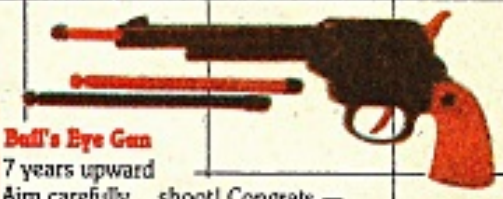
Shoot-Out Gun
5 years upward
Pow! Pow! Super-sticking darts show you exactly where you've hit the target.



Mauser Pistol
8 years upward
Realistic model of the famous Mauser Pistol!

Auto Pistol
4-10 years
Rapid firing action. Swing it up and shoot! You're a one-man army!

Mail Van
3-9 years
Write a letter to your friend..... then take it yourself in your Mail Van!

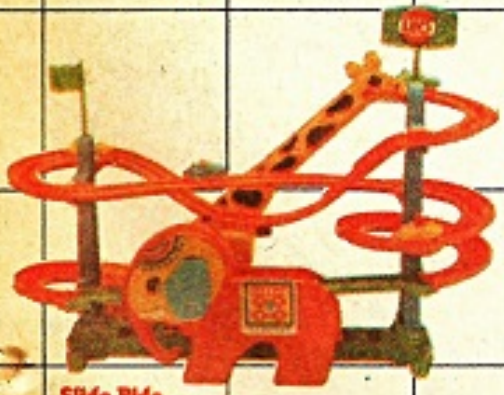


Bull's Eye Gun
7 years upward
Aim carefully ... shoot! Congrats — you've got the target!

Fighter Jet
3 years upward
Pull-back mechanism. Go! Go! Go! Take off for battle!

Martini Porsche
3 years upward
Battery-operated sports car with touch 'n' turn action. Whee! You're the fastest on the road!

Flying Saucer Gun
5 years upward
Shoots tiny flying saucers. Go into space ... be a star wars hero!



Slide Ride
4 years upward
Battery-operated roller coaster. Cars go up and down, round and round ... real fast!

Chook-Chook Train
3 years upward
Battery-operated train set. All line clear! Here comes the superfast express!

LEO TOYS

A child's best friends!

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THREE IN ONE

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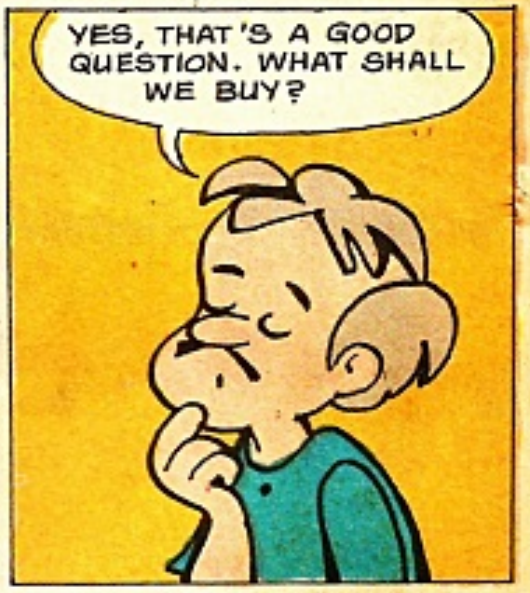
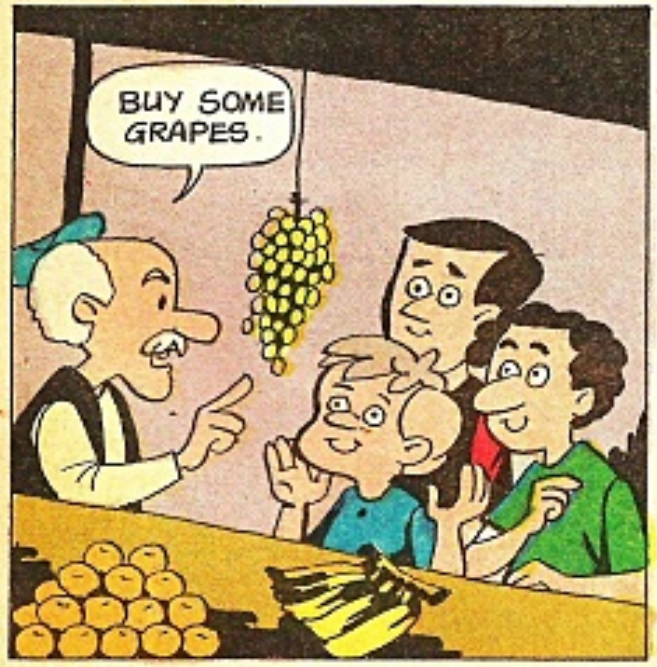


ONE SWEET IS ENOUGH.
I WANT SEVERAL.
I AM THIRSTY.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY ARE YOU QUARRELLING?
WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

WHEN THE OLD MAN LEARNT WHAT THE QUARREL WAS ABOUT—
THERE'S A SIMPLE SOLUTION.

COME HERE.


BUY SOME GRAPES.

THEY'RE SWEET!
THEY'RE SEVERAL SWEET THINGS.
THEY'LL QUENCH MY THIRST! THE OLD MAN HAS SOLVED OUR PROBLEM DELIGHTFULLY!

THE BIG PARCEL

A Nasruddin Hodja Tale

Script: Shubha Khandekar
Illustrations: Ram Waeerkar

I'LL TEACH THAT SCOUNDREL, SALIM A LESSON.

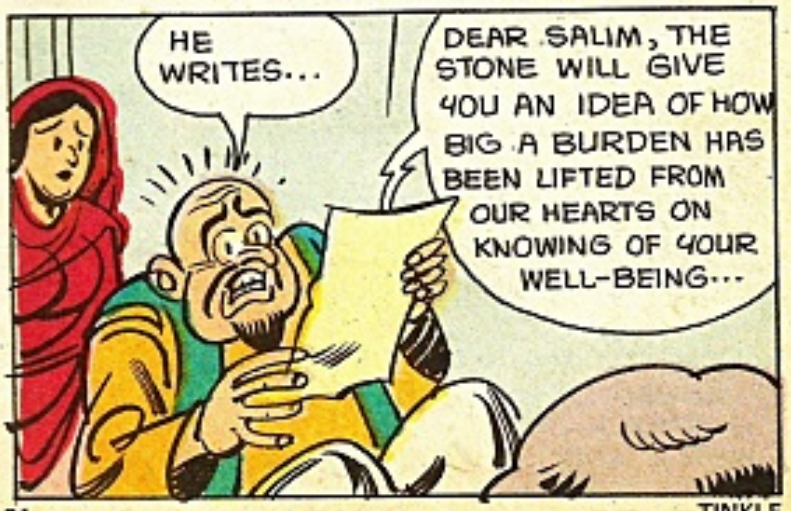
A FEW DAYS LATER —
I HAVE A PARCEL FOR SALIM. IT'S FROM HODJA NASRUDDIN.
I AM SALIM.

WHAT A HEAVY PARCEL. I WONDER WHAT HE HAS SENT.

SIR, HODJA ASKED ME TO COLLECT 5 DINARS FROM YOU ON DELIVERY.
5 DINARS!
OH, ALL RIGHT.

HERE.

A STONE!


HE WRITES...
DEAR SALIM, THE STONE WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW BIG A BURDEN HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM OUR HEARTS ON KNOWING OF YOUR WELL-BEING...

REPAIR CHARGES

Illustrations : Suresh Kshirsagar

Based on a story sent by Vivek Chaturvedy,
H.P.F. Staff Colony, Qrt. No. B/5/3,
Kumarapatnam, Dharwar.

READERS' CHOICE

Complete-the-Story Competition No. 29

THE HIGHWAY CHASE

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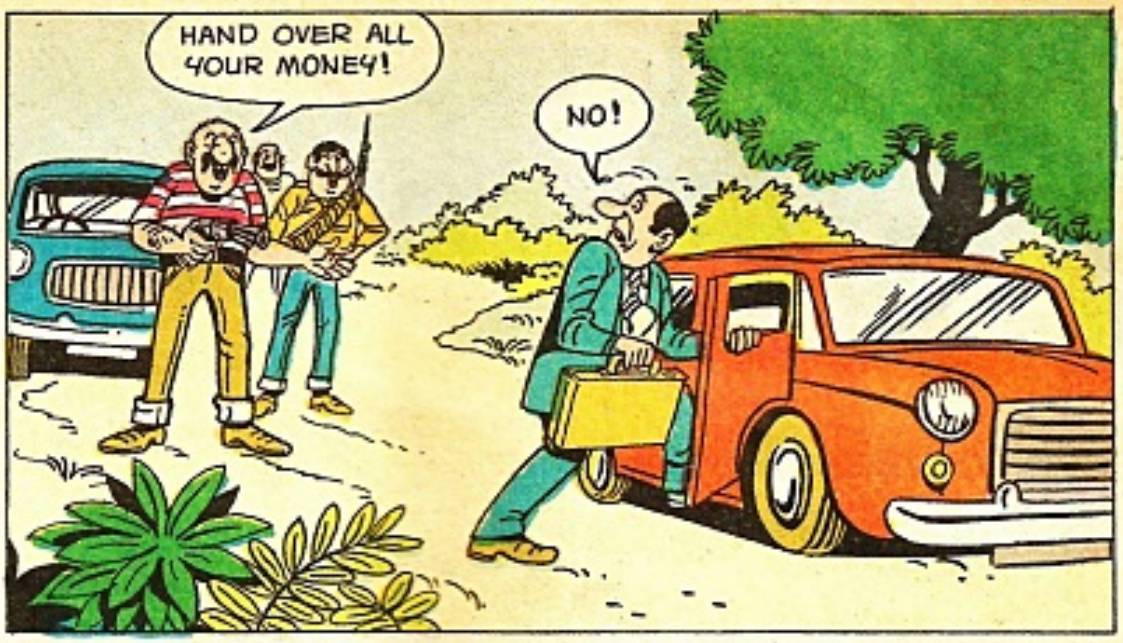
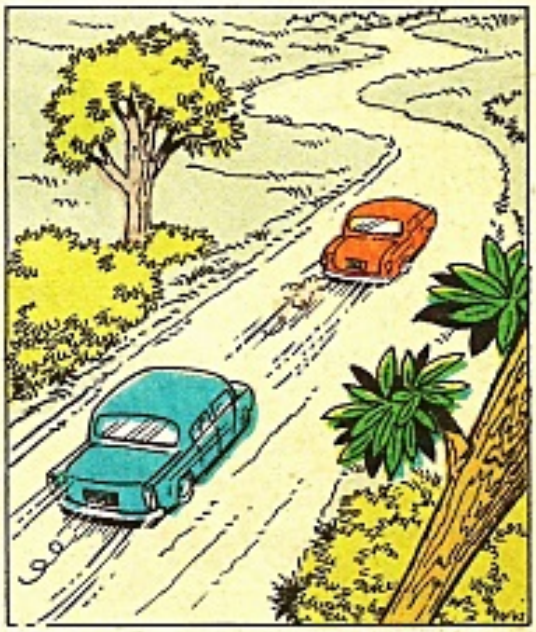
Prasad Iyer
Illustrations:
Anand Mande





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Complete the story in 200 or fewer words and send it to us by July 20, 1987. The best entry will win Rs. 60! There will be second and third prizes of Rs. 30 and Rs. 20 respectively. Also twenty consolation prizes of Echo Books.

Kalia
THE CROW

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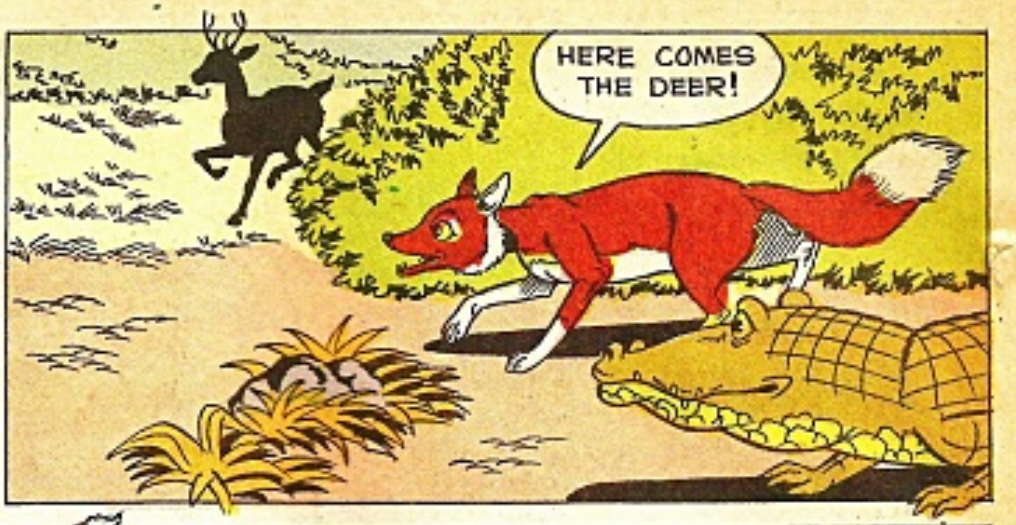


NOW GO IN AND GET THAT DEER.
I'M NOT A COWARD OR ANYTHING...

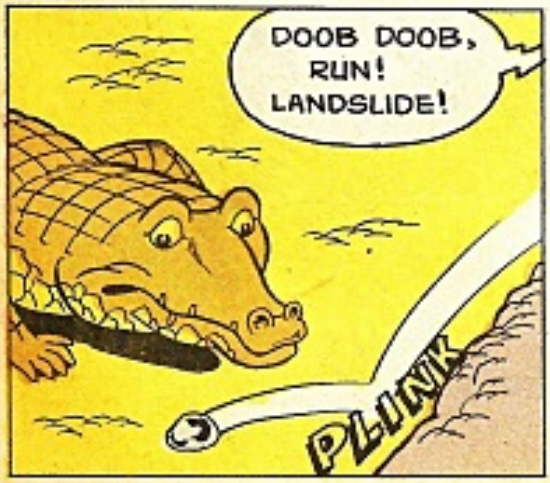
AND I WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE GONE IN... BUT IT'S DARK IN THERE.
OH, YOU...!

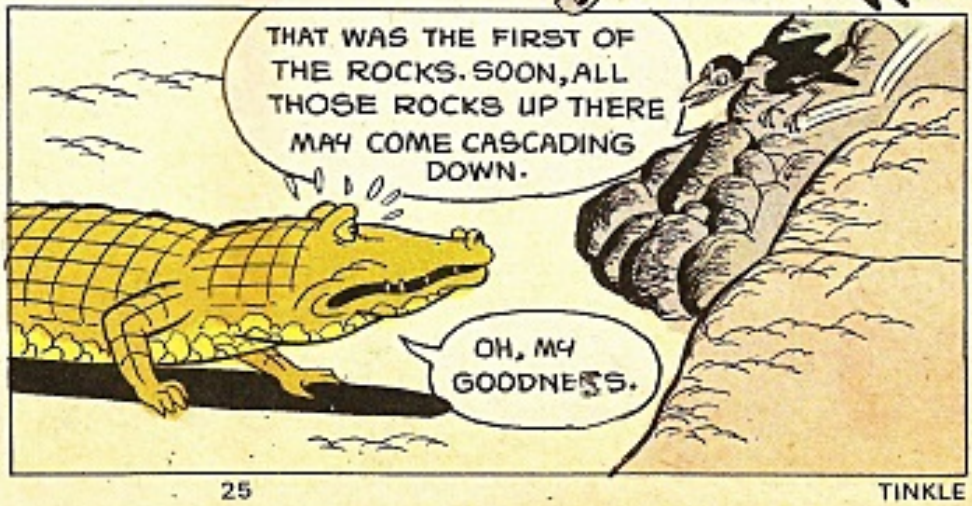
DON'T TELL ME THEY'VE DRIVEN MY FRIEND SHONAR INTO THAT CAVE!
WAIT HERE. I'LL DRIVE THE DEER OUT.

YES, THOSE ARE HIS TRACKS! OH, THE RASCALS!

I HAVE TO SAVE HIM SOMEHOW.

I'VE GOT IT! I'LL PUSH THIS STONE DOWN AND...


DOOB DOOB, RUN! LANDSLIDE!
PLINK


THAT WAS THE FIRST OF THE ROCKS. SOON, ALL THOSE ROCKS UP THERE MAY COME CASCADING DOWN.
OH, MY GOODNESS.

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE.
GOOD IDEA!

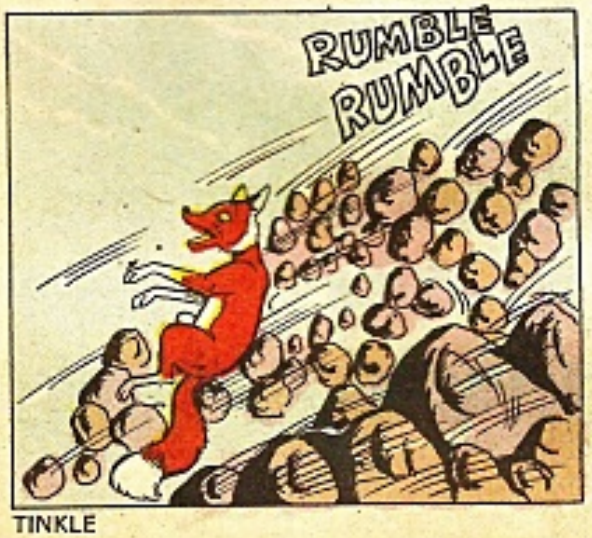
GET HIM, DOOB DOOB!

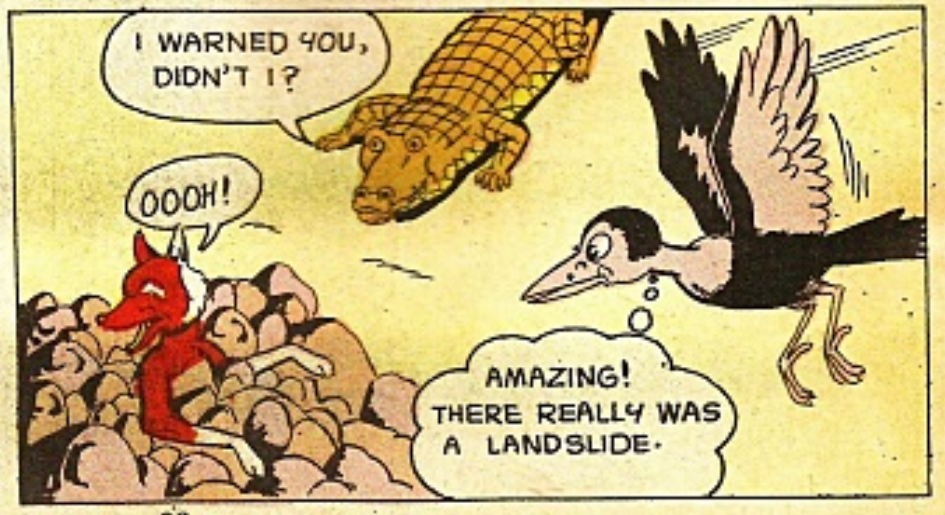
?!

WHERE DID YOU GO? YOU LET HIM GET AWAY!
THIS IS NO TIME TO THINK OF FOOD, CHAMATAKA. I CAME BACK AT GREAT RISK TO WARN YOU...

DON'T STAND THERE. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LANDSLIDE. KALIA SAID SO.
OH, HE DID? DID HE?

RUM-BLE RUMBLE
SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO FOOL YOU. I'M GOING TO STAND RIGHT HERE AND PROVE TO YOU THAT THIS PLACE IS AS SAFE AS A...


RUMBLE RUMBLE


I WARNED YOU, DIDN'T I?
OOOH!
AMAZING! THERE REALLY WAS A LANDSLIDE.

CINE FUN

Based on a story sent by
R. Rajesh
C 4, 235 BDA Flats, Domlur,
Bangalore 500 071.

Illustrations :
Suresh Kshirsagar

READERS' CHOICE

Raghu

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Andrew Josh Ferns,
Ponsulem, Canacona, Goa 403 702.

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Dev Abhishek,
C/o. Dr. S.K. Sinha, Institute of Science, Bangalore

The feature on 'Optical Illusions' in Tinkle 112 was great.

Maya Chhetri,
Pakyong, Sikkim 737 106.

The Hamlyn-Tinkle Picture Quiz is a wonderful idea. It adds greatly to our general knowledge.

Rohit Mansukhani,
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See and Smile

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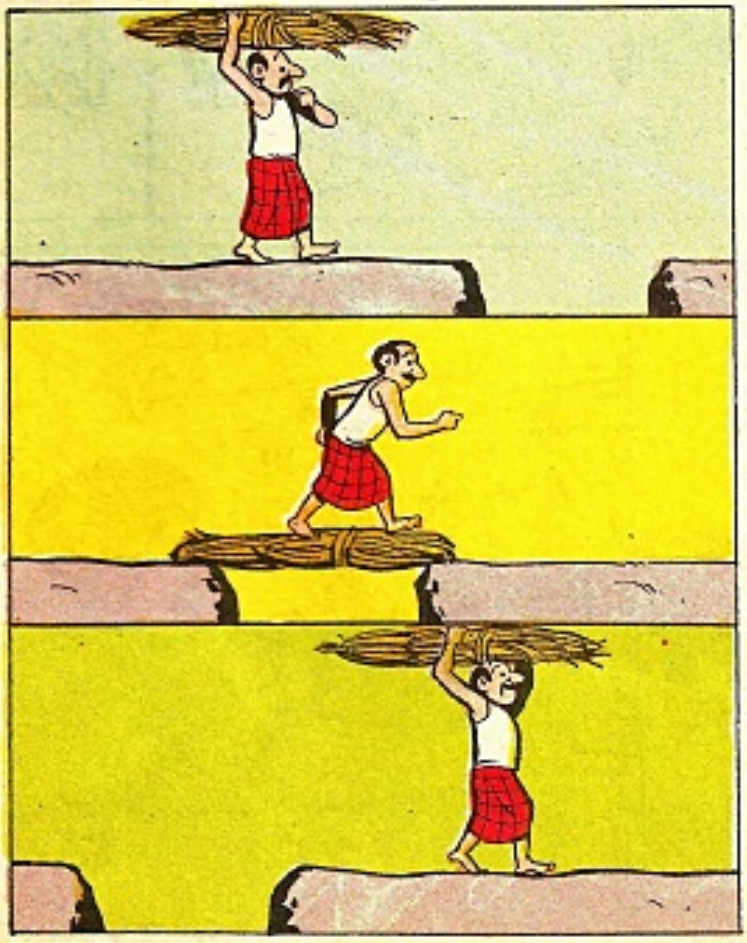

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THIS HAPPENED TO ME...

I was studying in the 2nd standard. Every day my mother used to take me to school and bring me back on her moped. While I enjoyed the ride, I also envied my other classmates who walked slowly to school, talking and looking at everything around them.

One afternoon, my mother failed to come in time to the school to pick me up.

I grabbed this chance and started walking home. I was passing by a hut and I saw six tiny white puppies playing near by. I picked up the tiniest and whitest one among them, put it in my bag and went on.

By the time I reached home, my mother was at the gate, trying to start her moped.

When she saw me she stood up, wide-eyed. She came running to me and grabbed me by the hand.

She saw the puppy in my bag and quickly took it it out and put it on the ground. It was only when I turned round that I understood why she was behaving so peculiarly. The puppy's mother had followed me!

This true-life incident has been sent by G. Lalitha,

C/o. G. Visweshwara Rao,
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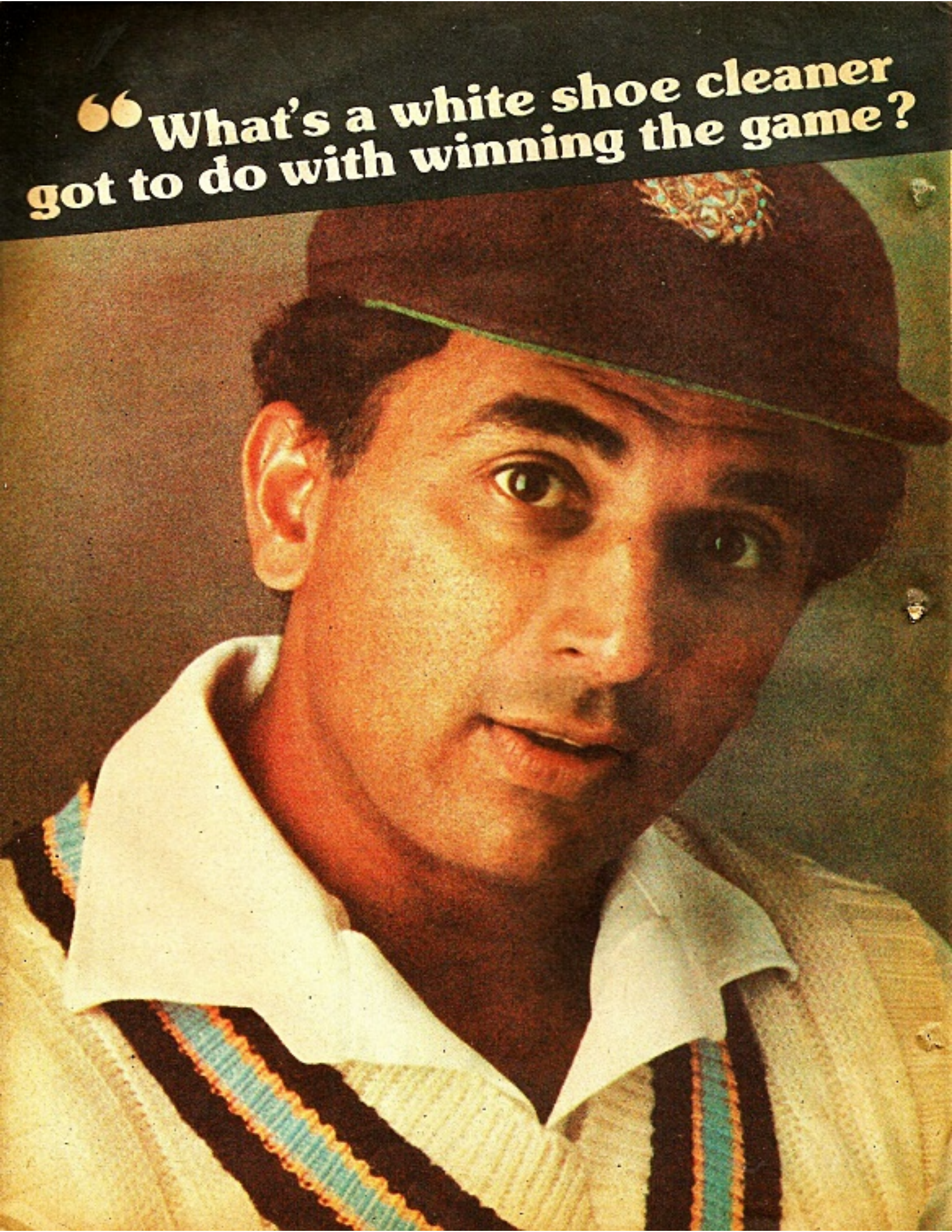

"What's a white shoe cleaner
got to do with winning the game?

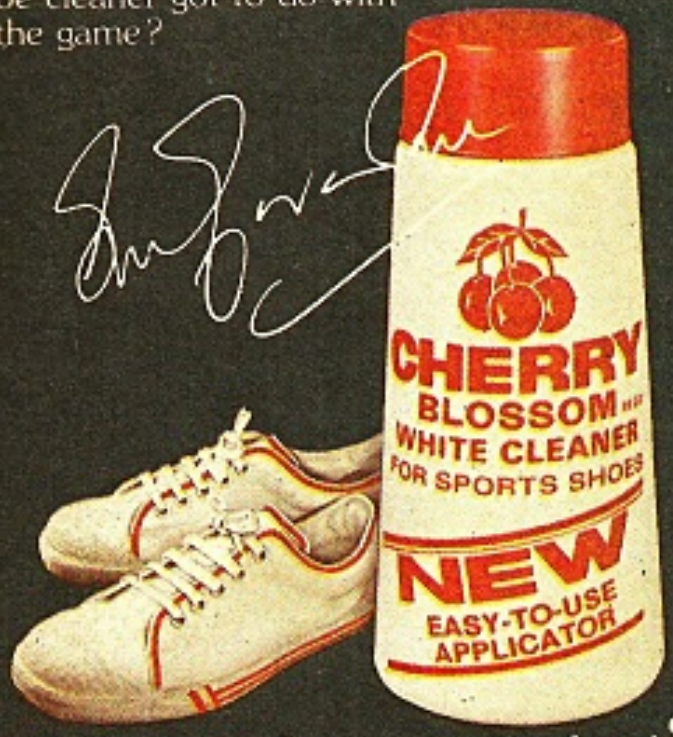
Let me tell you."

"Back in the sixties while playing a crucial college match I figured—when a sportsman goes into the field properly dressed and feeling confident, it's half the battle won!

Sounds far-fetched, does it? But it works for me. You know, no matter how much you practice, prepare, and perfect yourself for the game, if finally you don't come perfectly turned out for it—you just don't feel right.

So, next time you prepare for a game—make sure you're completely ready. Ready in body, game and attire. And ready to win!

Now, you tell me, what's a white shoe cleaner got to do with winning the game?



Be a sportsman... down to your feet!"

CHERRY WHITE CLEANER

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THE SHOE CLERK

Illustrations: Suresh Kshirsagar

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A PRIZE FOR THREE LEGS

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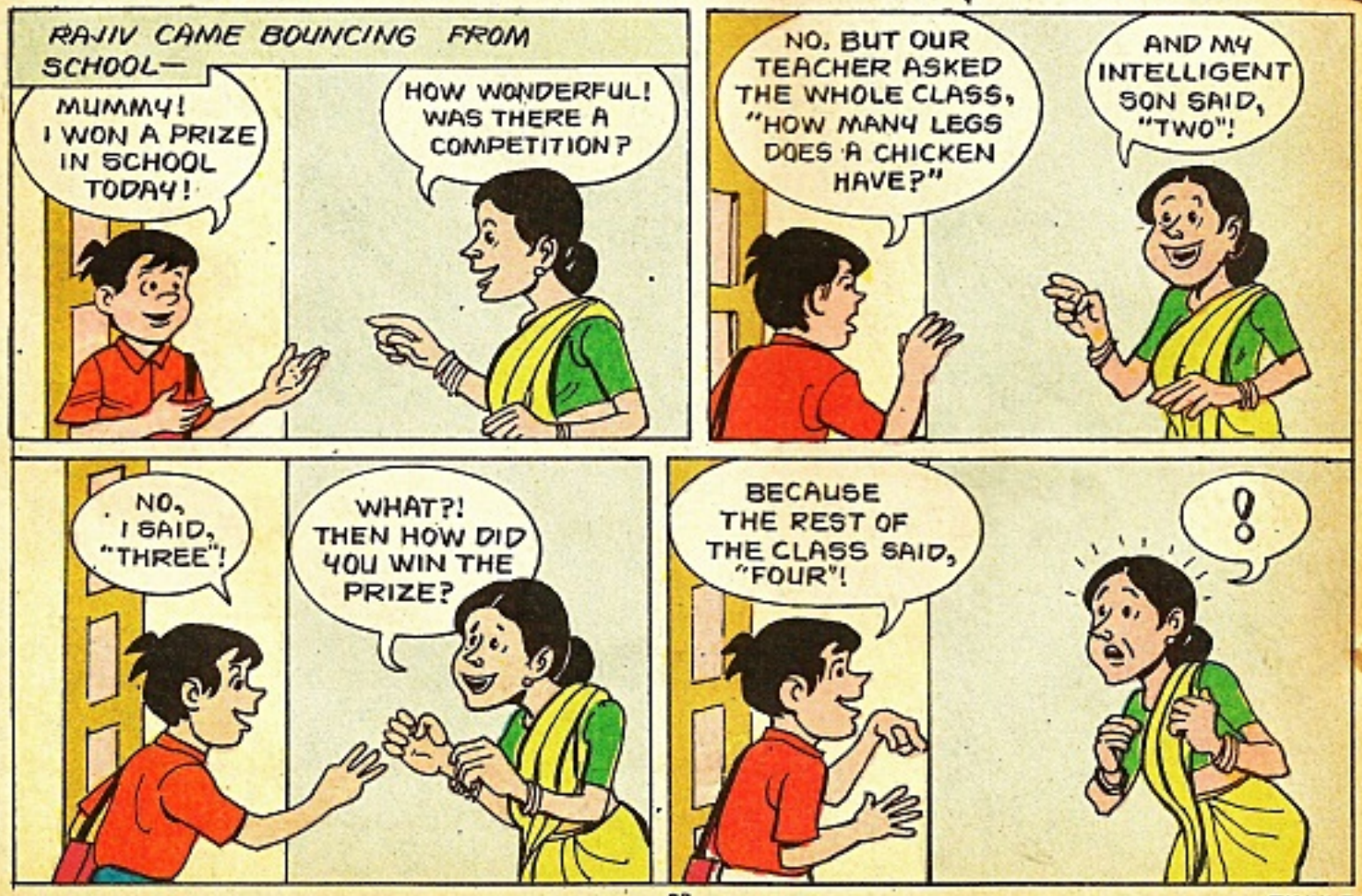

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